CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:		Force	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Discourt.	U.S.
Stephanie Mleczkowski		Team # 3	201306569	Ø	Abuse		O.L.	☐ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		P	Precinct:	181	Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Friday, 07/19/2013 8:30 PM		1332 Forest Avenue an Precinct stationhouse	ad at the 121st		121	1/:	19/2015	1/19/2015
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Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addre	ess					
Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. POM Michael Ustick	05406	948517	121 PCT					
2. SGT Dmitry Brushnivsky	01417	936251	121 PCT					
3. POF Celine Diaz	09228	928191	121 PCT					
4. An officer	0,220	y 2 01)1	121 PCT					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. POM Brian Mullarkey	03595		121 PCT					
2. POM Efrain Hernandez	04437		121 PCT					
3. CPT Kenneth Noonan	00000		121 PCT					
4. POM Brian Romero	01482		121 PCT					
5. POM Andrew Lassen	03267		121 PCT					
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inve	stiga	tor Recon	nmendation
A.SGT Dmitry Brushnivsky		esy: At 1332 Forest Ave Brushnivsky spoke rudel			t. nd			
B.POM Michael Ustick	Discourte	esy: At 1332 Forest Ave Ustick spoke rudely to [§]						
C.POM Michael Ustick		at the 121st Precinct stat d not obtain medical tre		ıel				

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
D.SGT Dmitry Brushnivsky	Abuse: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry Brushnivsky refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(6)	
E.POM Michael Ustick	Abuse: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, PO Michael Ustick refused to provide his name to \$\frac{\mathbb{8}}{87(2)(b)}\$ and \$\frac{\mathbb{8}}{87(2)(b)}\$	
F.SGT Dmitry Brushnivsky	Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry Brushnivsky spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)	
G.SGT Dmitry Brushnivsky	Abuse: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry Brushnivsky threatened to arrest § 87(2)(b)	
H.POM Michael Ustick	Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, PO Michael Ustick spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b)	
I. An officer	Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, an officer spoke rudely to § 87(2)(5)	
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)		

Case Summary

	filed this complaint with the CCRB via telephone on July 22, 2013. At approximately 8:30 p.m. on July 19, 2013, \$87(2)(b) towed \$87(2)(b)
	s vehicle at 1332 Forest Avenue in Staten Island. Multiple officers responded to this
	n in order to address the issue and \$87(2)(b) was subsequently arrested and brought to
the 12	1 st Precinct stationhouse. The following allegations resulted:
•	Allegation A- Discourtesy: At 1332 Forest Avenue in Staten Island, Sgt. Dmitry
	Brushnivsky spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
•	Allegation B- Discourtesy: At 1332 Forest Avenue in Staten Island, PO Michael
	Ustick spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b) and street and
	§ 87(2)(g)
•	Allegation C- Abuse of Authority: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, PO Michael
	Ustick did not obtain medical treatment for §87(2)(b)
•	Allegation D- Abuse of Authority: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry
	Brushnivsky refused to provide his shield number to \$87(2)(b)
•	Allegation E- Abuse of Authority: At the 121 st Precinct stationhouse, PO Michael Ustick refused to provide his name to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
	§ 87(2)(9)
•	Allegation F- Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry
•	Brushnivsky spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b)
•	Allegation G- Abuse of Authority: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, Sgt. Dmitry
	Brushnivsky threatened to arrest §87(2)(b)
•	Allegation H- Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, PO Michael Ustick
	spoke rudely to § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(g)
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•	Allegation I- Discourtesy: At the 121st Precinct stationhouse, an officer spoke rudely
	<u>to</u> § 87(2)(b) § 87(2)(g)
•	§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)

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Results of Investigation

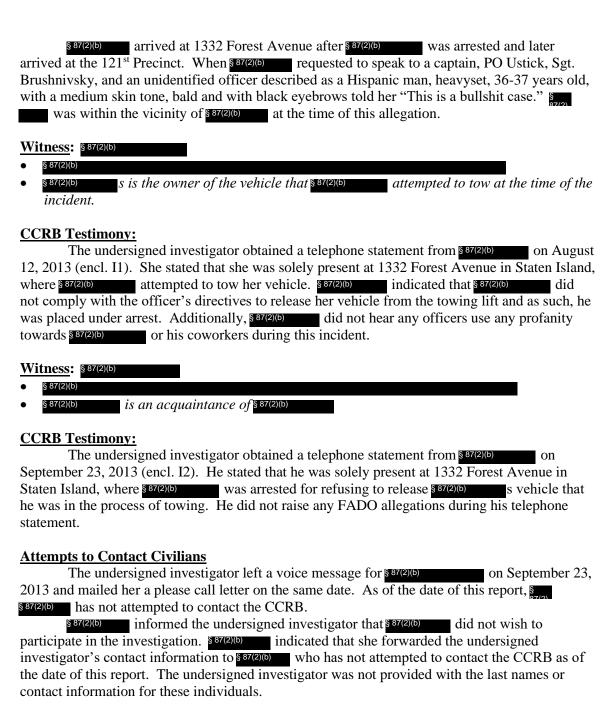
Civilian Statements

Co	mplainant/Victim: § 87(2)(b)
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CC	CRB Testimony:
	provided a telephone statement on July 23, 2013 (encl. E1) and was
inte	erviewed at the CCRB on July 25, 2013 (encl. E2-E14). §87(2)(9)
	On July 19, 2013 at 8:24 p.m. \$87(2)(b) was with his co-worker, \$87(2)(b)
wh	en he towed a vehicle, identified during the investigation as belonging to \$87(2)(b) in
the	vicinity of the commercial parking lot of 1332 Forest Avenue in Staten Island. \$87(2)(6)
	observed this, and \$87(2)(b) made a telephone call. Approximately 10-15
mi	nutes later a RMP from the 121 st Precinct arrived at the scene.
	Two officers, identified via investigation as Sgt. Dmitry Brushnivsky and PO Michael
Usi	tick of the 121st Precinct, then exited the vehicle. §87(2)(b) described Sgt. Brushnivsky as
	white man, 5'10" tall, bald-headed, with a slim build, in his 30s and uniformed. §87(2)(b)
	cribed PO Ustick as a white man, 5'7"-5'9" tall, with brown hair in a Mohawk style, a chunky
	ld, in his late 20s and uniformed. Sgt. Brushnivsky and PO Ustick spoke to the women
	vately, ushering them behind a Halal food stand.
1	then tried to show Sgt. Brushnivsky documentation regarding the tow on his
cel	lular phone and Sgt. Brushnivsky responded "I don't need to see no fucking paperwork, I
	ow the laws. I don't need to speak to your property manager. You're either going to drop the
	or you're going to jail." §87(2)(b) was then handcuffed by Sgt. Brushnivsky and placed
	ide of the RMP. About 40 minutes later, an additional RMP arrived from which an officer,
	ntified via investigation as PO Brian Mullarkey of the 121st Precinct, exited. §87(2)(b)
	cribed PO Mullarkey as a white man with a slim build, dark hair, approximately 160 lbs., in
	20s and uniformed.
	PO Ustick brought \$87(2)(b) to the 121st Precinct stationhouse where his arrest was
pro	cessed and he was placed in a holding cell, in which he was the sole civilian. While being
	d, \$87(2)(b) asked PO Ustick to bring him to the hospital and he responded "Not right"
	w, we're dealing with this and you have to wait." §87(2)(b) observed through a glass pane
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	and her friends 887(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) speaking to a captain,
ide	ntified via investigation as Captain Kenneth Noonan of the 121st Precinct.
	After § 87(2)(b) was fingerprinted and photographed an officer, identified via
inv	estigation as PO Efrain Hernandez of the 121st Precinct, returned \$87(2)(b) to his holding
	described PO Hernandez as a Hispanic man, 5'10"-5'11" tall, with an average
	ld, dark hair, in his 20s and uniformed. He informed PO Hernandez that he had asked PO
	tick for medical attention and he was denied treatment. PO Ustick then released §87(2)(b)
	m the holding cell, brought him to the front desk and issued him five summonses.
Vic	etim: § 87(2)(b)
•	§ 87(2)(b)
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● § 87(2)(b)
CCRB Testimony: was interviewed at the CCRB on July 25, 2013 (encl. F1-F5) \$87(2) was interviewed at the CCRB on July 25, 2013 (encl. F1-F5) \$87(2)
At 1332 Forest Avenue both Sgt. Brushnivsky and PO Ustick told \$87(2)(b) "I don't give a shit about the paperwork." Afterwards, at the 121st Precinct and near the front desk, \$87(2)(b) requested Sgt. Brushnivsky's shield number and in response he pointed towards his shield and said "If you wan it, it's right here." He did not verbally provide \$87(2)(b) with this information. \$87(2)(b) with this information. \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) with this information. PO Ustick is name and PO Ustick did not in any form provide them with that information. PO Ustick then told \$87(2)(b) "I'll see you around." Sgt. Brushnivsky an unidentified male officer described as a Hispanic man, 5'8" tall, with dark hair, in his 40s, with a chunky build and uniformed, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were within that vicinity when this occurred.
Victim: \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b)
was interviewed at the CCRB on July 25, 2013 (encl. G1-G6). **S7(2)(5)** was solely present at the 121st Precinct and asked Sgt. Brushnivsky why **S7(2)(5)** was arrested, offering to show him his company's towing contract near the front desk of the precinct. Sgt. Brushnivsky responded "I don't have to fucking answer that. I'm the law; I don't have to look at the fucking contract." **S37(2)(6)** informed Sgt. Brushnivsky that he was going to file a complaint against him and Sgt. Brushnivsky responded "You do whatever you gotta fucking do." **S57(2)(6)** then stood aside, dialed 911 and filed a complaint against Sgt. Brushnivsky. **S57(2)(6)** then requested from Sgt. Brushnivsky PO Ustick's name and shield number and Sgt. Brushnivsky offered his own identifying information instead, adding "So you're either going to do things I fucking tell you or you're going to go back to your fucking business or I'm going to arrest you." **S57(2)(6)** and **S57(2)(6)** were within that vicinity at the time of the allegation.
Victim: \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b)
CCRB Testimony: was interviewed at the CCRB on August 12, 2013 (encl. H1-H6) and a follow up telephone call was placed to her on March 7, 2014 for additional details regarding the incident. 887(2)(9)

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NYPD Statements:

Subject Officer: SGT DMITRY BRUSHNIVSKY

- Sgt. Brushnivsky is a white man who was street old at the time of the incident. He is 5'10" tall, weighs 165 pounds, with black hair and blue eyes.
- Sgt. Brushnivsky was assigned as the patrol suprvisor, from 2:50 p.m. to 11:47 p.m. on July 19, 2013, in uniform and did not have a partner.

Memo Book:

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Sgt. Brushnivsky's memo book entry was consistent with his statement to the CCRB, which is summarized below (encl. J1-J4):

CCRB Testimony:

Sgt. Brushnivsky was interviewed at the CCRB on September 17, 2013 (encl. J5-J7) and provided the following testimony:

On July 19, 2013 at 8:30 p.m., Sgt. Brushnivsky was waved down by \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ who stated that she had a dispute with \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ Sgt. Brushnivsky ushered \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ sproximately thirty feet away from \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ Sgt. Brushnivsky reviewed \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ stowing authorization forms and informed him that he did not have authorization to tow \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ syehicle. Sgt. Brushnivsky informed \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ that if he did not release \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ syehicle he would be arrested and he refused to do so. Sgt. Brushnivsky then placed \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ under arrest and \$\frac{8}{27(2)(b)}\$ was subsequently taken to the 121st Precinct stationhouse.

Sgt. Brushnivsky did not recall if he used profanity towards [37(2)(b)] at 1332 Forest Avenue. He did not state to [387(2)(b)] "I don't need to see no fucking paperwork, I know the laws." or "I don't give a shit about the paperwork." He did not hear PO Ustick state to [37(2)(b)] "I don't give a shit about the paperwork" or use any profanity during this incident.

While at the stationhouse, possibly two or three people and possibly requested Sgt. Brushnivsky's name and shield number while standing three feet away from him, near the front desk and he verbally provided this information to them.

Sgt. Brushnivsky indicated that [87(2)(5)] may have been present at the stationhouse, informing him that he exercised control over the parking lot from which the vehicle was towed. Sgt. Brushnivsky did not threaten to arrest, use any profanity towards [87(2)(5)] or state to him "I don't have to fucking answer that. I'm the law, I don't have to look at the fucking contract" or "You're either going to do things I fucking tell you or you're going to go back to your fucking business or I'm going to arrest you."

Sgt. Brushnivsky does not know if he saw sarce(b) inside of the stationhouse. He did not hear sarce(c) request medical attention from PO Ustick or have any conversation with him. Sgt. Brushnivsky did not recall using profanity towards sarce(c) or sarce(c) during this incident. He did not hear PO Ustick use any profanity towards any civilians during this incident. sarcest was voided, per the directives of Captain Noonan. sarce(c) was subsequently issued six summonses and an LD6, or a towing fine.

Subject Officer: PO MICHAEL USTICK

- PO Ustick is a white man who was [87(2)(0)] old at the time of the incident. He is 5'10" tall, weighs 220 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes.
- PO Ustick worked the same tour and assignment as Sgt. Brushnivsky.

Memo Book:

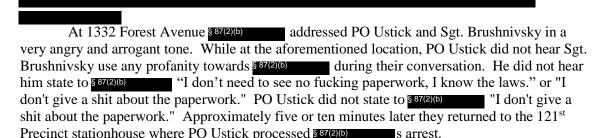
PO Ustick's memo book entry related to this incident was consistent with that of Sgt. Brushnivsky (encl. L1-L3).

Summonses:

On July 19, 2013 at 8:50 p.m., PO Michael Ustick issued summons numbers \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) to \$87(2)(b) for blocking a fire hydrant in front of 1332 Forest Avenue. On July 20, 2013 at 12:44 a.m., PO Michael Ustick issued summons number \$87(2)(b) for exceeding the authorized towing rate limit and summons number \$87(2)(b) for having no

Page 6 CCRB Case # 201306569 model number on his towing authorization sheet to §87(2)(b) in front of 1332 Forest Avenue (encl. L4-L12).

CCRB Testimony:



PO Ustick was interviewed at the CCRB on September 19, 2013 (encl. L13-L15) [8072]

While at the stationhouse, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) stood near the telephone switchboard operator's desk. PO Ustick did not hear \$87(2)(b) have any conversation with any of the officers while inside of the precinct.

While PO Ustick was near \$87(2)(6) should be holding cell, \$87(2)(6) requested to go to the hospital. PO Ustick told him "Alright, you're leaving. Do you still want to go to the hospital?" and \$87(2)(6) replied "No, I'm good."

PO Ustick could not see or hear if \$87(2)(0) or \$87(2)(0) had any conversation with Sgt. Brushnivsky or requested his shield number at the stationhouse. PO Ustick did not hear Sgt. Brushnivsky state to any of the aforementioned individuals "I don't have to fucking answer that. I'm the law, I don't have to look at the fucking contract" or "You're either going to do things I fucking tell you or you're going to go back to your fucking business or I'm going to arrest you."

Witness Officer: PO EFRAIN HERNANDEZ

- PO Hernandez is a Hispanic man who was [87(2)(6)] old at the time of the incident. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 200 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes.
- PO Hernandez was assigned as the cell attendant, from 11:15 p.m. on July 19, 2013 to 7:50 a.m. on July 20, 2013, in uniform and did not have a partner.

Memo Book:

Due to the administrative nature of his assignment, PO Hernandez is not required to maintain a memo book (encl. K1-K3).

CCRB Testimony:

PO Hernandez was interviewed at the CCRB on September 17, 2013 (encl. K4-K5) and provided the following testimony:

PO Hernandez was not present at 1332 Forest Avenue. PO Hernandez remembered interacting with \$87(2)(b) and stated that while in the vicinity of the holding cells, PO Hernandez did not hear \$87(2)(b) request medical attention from PO Ustick.

Witness Officer: PO ANDREW LASSEN

• PO Lassen is a white man who was [887(2)(b)] old at the time of the incident. He is 5'6" tall, weighs 165 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes.

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• PO Lassen was assigned as the Telephone Switchboard Operator, from 3 p.m. to 11:35 p.m. on July 19, 2013, in uniform and did not have a partner.

Memo Book:

Due to the administrative nature of his assignment, PO Lassen is not required to maintain a memo book (encl.O1-O2).

CCRB Testimony:

PO Lassen was interviewed at the CCRB on March 3, 2014. PO Lassen provided the following testimony (encl. O3-O4):

On July 19, 2013, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) came into the 121st Precinct stationhouse, immediately approached PO Lassen's desk and he tried to calm them down because they were upset. PO Lassen did not state to \$87(2)(b) "This is a bullshit case" and did not hear any other officers state such.

The civilians spoke with PO Ustick and Sgt. Brushnivsky. The conversation between Sgt. Brushnivsky and \$87(2)(b) was hostile because their voices were raised. He heard curses between \$87(2)(b) and Sgt. Brushnivsky, however he could not distinguish the specific phrases of such. \$87(2)(b) was also involved in this conversation; however PO Lassen could not hear what \$87(2)(b) stated during such. PO Lassen did not hear \$87(2)(b) request from Sgt.

Brushnivsky PO Ustick's name and shield number. PO Lassen did not hear Sgt. Brushnivsky use any profanity towards any civilians or threaten to arrest \$87(2)(b)

PO Lassen did not hear \$87(2)(b) request Sgt. Brushnivsky's name or shield number, however he heard Sgt. Brushnivsky state to \$87(2)(b) "If you want it, it's right here." PO Lassen could not recall if Sgt. Brushnivsky verbally provided his name to \$87(2)(b)

PO Lassen saw \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) speaking with PO Ustick five to ten feet away from his desk, however he did not them request PO Ustick's name or identifying information.

Additional Officers Interviewed:

- The following three officers were also interviewed by the CCRB on October 2, 2013, December 13, 2013 and March 6, 2014, respectively: PO Brian Mullarkey (encl. M1-M8), PO Celine Diaz (encl. N1-N5) and PO Brian Romero (encl. P1-P4):
 - O PO Mullarkey is a white man who was \$87(2)(0) old at the time of the incident. He is 6'3" tall, weighs 160 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes. PO Mullarkey was assigned to patrol Sector A, from 3 p.m. to 11:35 p.m., in uniform and partnered with PO Diaz. He did not hear Sgt. Brushnivsky or PO Ustick use any profanity towards any civilians at 1332 Forest Avenue. While at the 121st Precinct, PO Mullarkey remained near the front desk and did not hear \$87(2)(0) request medical treatment from PO Ustick. He did not see PO Ustick or Sgt. Brushnivsky have any interaction with \$87(2)(0) respectively.
 - O PO Diaz is a Hispanic woman who was old at the time of the incident. She is 5'1" tall, weighs 140 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. PO Diaz worked the same tour and assignment as PO Mullarkey. PO Diaz was present at 1332 Forest Avenue and could not hear any conversation between Sgt. Brushnivsky, PO Ustick and any civilians.
 - O PO Romero is a Hispanic man who was \$87(2)(b) old at the time of the incident. He is 5'11" tall, weighs 220 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. PO Romero was assigned as the Telephone Switchboard Operator, from 4p.m. to 12 a.m. on July 19,

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2013, in uniform and did not have a partner. PO Romero did not recall this incident. He did not remember stating to any civilians "This is a bullshit case" and did not hear any additional officers state such.

NYPD Documents:

Command Log Entry:
The Command Log entry for \$87(2)(b) s arrest on July 19, 2013 notes that
was arrested by PO Michael Ustick at 1332 Forest Avenue (encl. P28). He was brough
to the stationhouse on July 19, 2013 at 9:13 p.m. and was released on July 20, 2013 at 1:05 a.m.
His physical condition was noted as good and mental condition as normal. It notes that
did not request medical attention and that he did not have any disabilities.
Summons/Arrest for Incident and Disposition
All criminal charges for \$87(2)(0) in connection with the incident on July 19, 2013
are unavailable (encl. S10).
§ 87(2)(b)
Status of Civil Proceedings
§ 87(2)(b) and § 87(2)(b) have not filed a
Notice of Claim with the City of New York as of November 27, 2013, which is past the
ninety day filing deadline, with regard to the incident (encl. V11).
Civilians Criminal History
§ 87(2)(b), § 87(2)(c)
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Civilians CCRB History
This is the first CCRB complaint filed by \$87(2)(b) (encl. C3) and \$87(2)(b) (encl.
C4).
filed the following CCRB complaint (encl. C1):
○ § 87(2)(b)
filed the following CCRB complaint (encl. C2):
○ §87(2)(b)
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Subject Officers' CCRB History

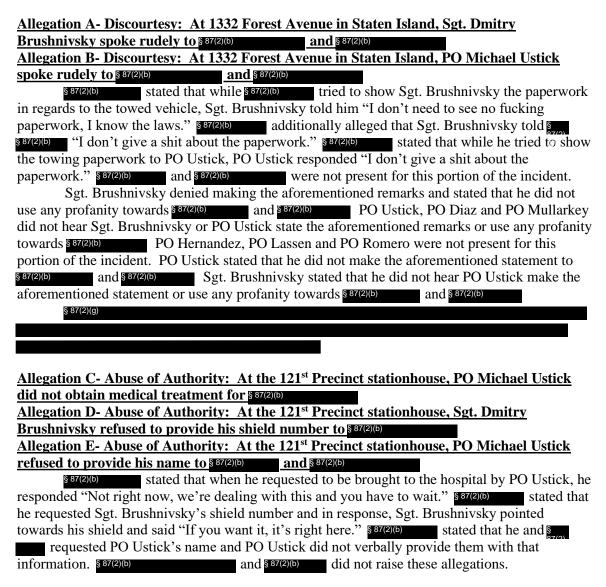
- Sgt. Dmitry Brushnivsky has been a member of the service for nine years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. B1).
- PO Michael Ustick has been a member of service for four years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. B2).
- PO Celine Diaz has been a member of service for twelve years and there are no substantiated allegations against her (encl. B3).

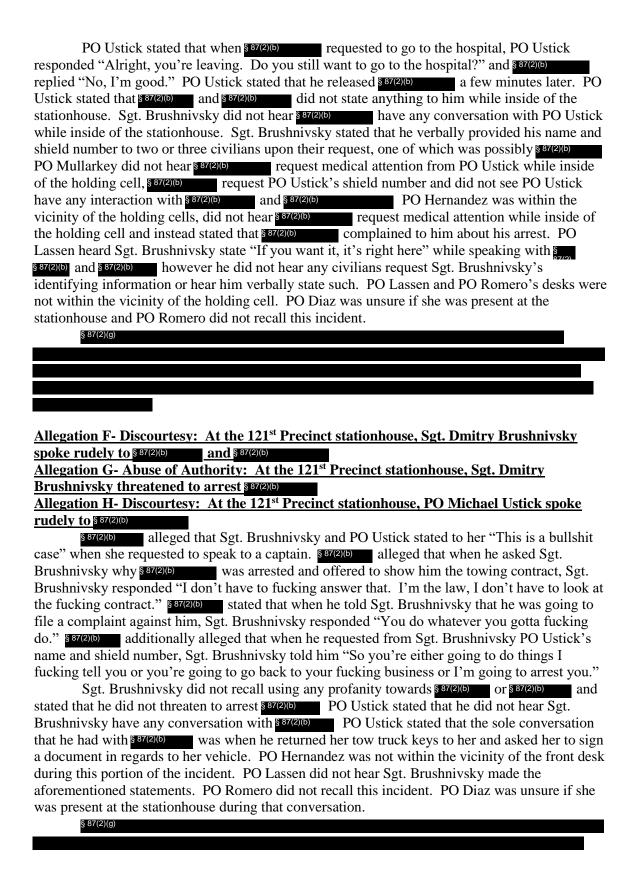
Conclusion

Identification of Subject Officers

Sgt. Brushnivsky and PO Ustick admitted to interacting with \$87(2)(b) on the date of the incident.

Investigative Findings and Recommendations





Allegation I- Discourtesy: At th	e 121st Precinct statio	onhouse, an officer spoke	rudely to
§ 87(2)(b)	nen she requested to sp panic man, heavyset, so I her "This is a bullship stating this to \$87(2)(b) PO Ustick did not while inside of the pre- Diaz was unsure if she in stated that he did not	eak to a captain, an office 36-37 years old, with a me case." This allegation was and he and PO Mullark hear any conversation between the control of the stational make the aforementioned	er near the front dium skin tone, as not raised by ey did not hear ween so not within the nouse for this statement and
incident. § 87(2)(9)			
§ 87(4-b), § 87(2)(g)			
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